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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MCCARTHY et al. Conf.: 3757
Appl. No.: 09/673,739 Group: 1656
Filed: October 20, 2000 Examiner: J. Tung
For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING
GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA
FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF
NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 2, 2003

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2002, and Advisory Action issued January 14, 2003, the due date having been reset by the Office of Petitions to February 2, 2003 and extended for two (2) months to April 2, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Rejections for double-patenting and for obviousness under 35 U.S.C.

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In the Advisory Action of January 14, 2003, the Examiner maintains the rejections and finds Applicants' arguments